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Teri Rennia, City Council President
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MINUTES PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE City Council Work Room, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton Wednesday April 23, 2014

Called to Order. Called to order by Planning and Community Development Committee Chair Webb at 6:50pm.

Council Members Present: Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko (Committee Member), Teri Rennia, Lea Webb (Committee Chair), Chris Papastrat, John Matzo, Bill Berg (Committee Member)

Council Members Absent: None

Also Present: Marty Doorey, Community Development Advisory Committee Member; Melissa Enoch, Sustainable Development Planner; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Leigh McCullen, Senior Planner; Kelly Robertson, Opportunities for Broome; Jennifer Taylor, Acting Director of Planning, Housing and Community Development

ITEMS CONSIDERED

Discussion. The Planning and Community Development Committee met with representatives from various City Hall departments to review the proposed Comprehensive Plan, including both previously reviewed chapters and Chapter G, entitled "Community Building".

Chapter G, "Community Building". The questions, items of concern or other matters identified in Chapter G which require further review at the Joint Sessions are as follows:

- 1.1. Can a Community Loan Fund be established with Community Development Block Grant funds? What needs to happen to establish this Community Loan Fund?
- 3.4. Councilman Berg expressed a desire to remove this recommendation and stated that he could not vote to approve the Plan if this recommendation was included.

Adoption of Recommendations and Comprehensive Plan. Council members revisited questions asked at the Planning Committee meeting held on April 21, 2014, regarding the inclusion of certain recommendations within the Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, Council members asked what would happen if Council wished to exclude a recommendation. Melissa Enoch noted that the Blueprint Binghamton Steering Committee suggested creating an appendix to the Comprehensive Plan to list those items interested agencies, including City Council, wished to strike from the proposed Comprehensive Plan. The appendix would recognize those recommendations developed from public input, while noting that the City would not move forward with the implementation of those recommendations at this time.

Chapter G, "Community Building". Council members returned to the review of Chapter G. The remaining questions, items of concern or other matters identified in Chapter G which require further review at the Joint Sessions are as follows:

- 4.1. Has the current organization of the Youth Bureau changed? What is the current plan to support the goals of the Youth Bureau?
- 4.5. Review amending this recommendation to include all private schools.
- 4.6. Review amending this recommendation to include TechWorks! and the Bundy Museum.
- 4.7. Correct typographical error.



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- 5.3. Does the City currently own dumpsters? If not, is there a way to partner with a private entity to provide this service? Do other municipalities have creative ways of providing this service?
- 5.7. What is the scope of the technical assistance provided by Local Initiatives Support Corporation's Community Safety Initiative?

Mayoral Comments. Councilwoman Webb asked Planning staff if they had received comments on the Comprehensive Plan from Mayor Richard C. David. Jennifer Taylor stated that she spoke with the Mayor, who said that his comments would be available soon.

Upcoming Schedule. The Planning Committee agreed to cancel the meeting scheduled for Wednesday April 30, 2014. Council members Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia and Webb expressed a desire to attend the Local Government Training seminar on Comprehensive Plans to be held on that date at 5:00pm in the Town of Chenango.

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 8:08pm.
Moved by Matzo, seconded by Papastrat.

Voice vote, none opposed.